INTERACTION OF GENES

MODIFICATION OF DIHYBRID RATIO

EXTENSION O MENDELIAN GENETICS

Mendel performed monohybrid and dihybrid crosses taking sweet pea as experimental plant

In monohybrid cross only one trait and its two alternative forms were taken under consideration at a time. Two phenotypes (Red and White flower colour) were obtained. There were only three possible genotype (RR,Rr & rr) with Phenotypic Ratio 3:1 and Genotypic Ratio 1:2:1. RR(Homozygous) and Rr (Heterozygous) are phenotypically alike and both are governed by dominant allele (R). In Dihybrid cross two traits at a time were considered

(Height of plant and colour of flower). Four phenotypes i.e. tall red(TR), Tall white(Tr), dwarf red(tR) and dwarf white (tr) were obtained by dihybrid cross.

Phenotypic Ratio 9:3:3:1 was obtained

Genotypic Ratio 1:2:2:4:1:2:1 was obtained

Combinations 1,6,11 & 16 are only homozygous

DIHYBRID CROSS AND ITS ABBREVIATED RATIO

Parents TTRR ttrr
Parental Gametes TR tr
F 1 Zygote Tt Rr tall plants Red flowers

F1 → Gametes	TR		Tr		tR		Tr	
T D	A -D		_		. 5			
TR	TR		Tr		tR		tr	
	TR		TR	2	TR	3	TR	
	1						4	
Tr	TR		Tr		tR		tr	
	Tr		Tr	6	Tr	7	Tr	8
	5							
tR	TR		Tr		tR		tr	
	tR		tR	10	tR	11	tR	12
	9							
tr	TR		Tr		tR		tr	
	tr	13	tr	14	tr	15	tr	16

F2 Generation 16 Possible Combinations

- (P) TR (Tall Red): 1,2,3,4,5,7,9,10,13 = 9
- (R) Tr (Tall White): 6,8.14 = 3
- (R) tR (Dwarf Red); 11,12.15 =3
- (P) tr (Dwarf White): 16 =1

By seeing Mendel's di hybrid Ratio, it becomes clear that different characters are inherited independently. Because of that four combinations are produced in F_2 generation

Mendel concluded on the basis of results of monohybrid and di hybrid crosses performed on sweet pea that

- a) One trait (character) is controlled by a gene (factor) existing in two alternative forms (alleles). The alleles are responsible for two alternative allelomorphs.
- b) That different traits assorted independently (segregation of two genes is independent of each other)

After Mendel's rediscovery by Hugo Devries, Carl Correns and

EV Tschermak, many geneticists repeated the same pattern of work using other organisms and different phenotypes but the results were not always according to Mendel's laws of inheritance, fit with the principles as law of dominance and law of independent assortment.

It became apparent that it is not necessary that a single character (trait) is controlled by one gene only and it is also not true that a gene has only two alleles, may have many alleles and the phenotype may be result of interaction of two genes and their alleles or a character may be controlled by more than one gene and its alleles.

In such a condition 2 or more genes may interact, the resulting phenotype may be result of interaction.

Suppose Gene A is responsible for phenotype A (Red) and Gene B is responsible for phenotype B (white), when both A and B are present together may give rise to a new phenotype C (Pink), but these genes still obey Independent Assortment pattern.

If A and b are two genes, both dominant over their respective recessive alleles a & b ,then interaction will depend on presence of both dominant alleles A & B, Absence of A or B or absence of Both A & B.

Mendel was fortunate to get 3:1 and 9:3:3:1 ratio uniformly because a) The traits he considered were governed by only one pair of alleles of a gene.

b) The genes and their alleles for different characters were located on different homologous pairs of chromosomes or even if on the same homologous pair the genes for different trait were present at a distance sufficient for cross over

INTERACTION OF GENES

Deviation of Di-hybrid Ratio

Genes usually function or express themselves singly or individually. But, many cases are known where two genes of the same allelic pair or genes of two or more different allelic pairs influence one another. This is called gene interaction

Non-allelic gene Interactions These are interactions between genes located on the same chromosome or on different but non-homologous chromosomes controlling a single phenotype to produce a different expression. Each interaction is typical in itself and ratios obtained are different from those of the Mendelian dihybrid ratios. Some of these interactions of genes are explained here which fall under this category and deviate from Mendel's ratios.

The interaction of genes may be of following types

- 1) Two gene pairs affecting same character 9:3:3:1
- 2) Epistasis, one gene hides effect of other
 - a) Recessive Epistasis 9:3:4
 - b) Dominant epistasis 12:3:1
- 3) Complementary genes 9:7 (2 genes responsible for production of a particular phenotype)
- 4) Duplicate genes 15:1 (same effect given by either of two genes)
- 5) Polymeric gene action 9:6:1
- 6) Inhibitory gene action 13:3

Gene Interaction	Inheritance Pattern &Example	A-/B- 9/16	A-/bb 3/16	aa/B- 3/16	aabb 1/16	RATIO
Additive gene effect	Comb shape	9	3	3	1	9:3:3:1
	Chicken	Walnut	Rose	Pea	Single	W:R:P:S
Recessive	Coat Colour	9	3	3	1	9:3:4
Epistasis	Mouse	Agouti	Albino	Black	Albino	Ag:Bl:Al
Dominant	Fruit colour squash	9	3	3	1	12:3:1
Epistasis		white	white	yellow	green	W:Y:G
Complement ary genes	Flower Colour Lathyrus	9 Purple	3 White	3 White	1 white	9:7 P:W
Duplicate genes	Fruit Shape capsella	9	3	3	1	15:1 Tri: Top
Polymeric	Fruit Shape	9	3	3	1	9:6:1
Gene action	Squash	Disc	Circular	circular	Long	D:C:L
Inhibitory gene action	Maize Aleurone colour	9 White	3 Red	3 white	1 White	13:3 W:R

ADDITIVE GENE EFFECT

Two gene pairs affecting the same character:

comb shape in chicken

(9:3:3:1-for single character)

Gene R- rose comb -Rp

Gene P - Pea Comb-rP

The dominant alleles of each of the two genes produce separate forms of phenotype when they are alone (heterozygous)

Both R and P when brought together form a new phenotype walnut

Allele R dominant over r

Allele P dominant over p

rr and pp produce single comb

Parents RRpp x rrPP

(Rose) (Pea)

RrPp

P. gametes Rp rP

			Р			
F1 game	t es M	RP	Rp	rP	rp	
	RP	RP RP 1	Rp RP 2	rP RP 3	rp RP 4	
	Rp	RP Rp 5	Rp Rp 6	rP Rp 7	rp Rp 8	
	rP	RP	Rp	rP	rp	

rP 10

rp 14

Rp

F2 Generation

GENETIC EXPRESSION

walnut

rP 12

rp 16

rp

9:3:3:1

RP-Walnut 1,2,3,4.5,7,9,10,13= 9

rP9

rp 13

RP

Rp –**Rose** 6,8,14=3

rp

F1

rP- pea 11,12,15=3

rp- Single 16=1

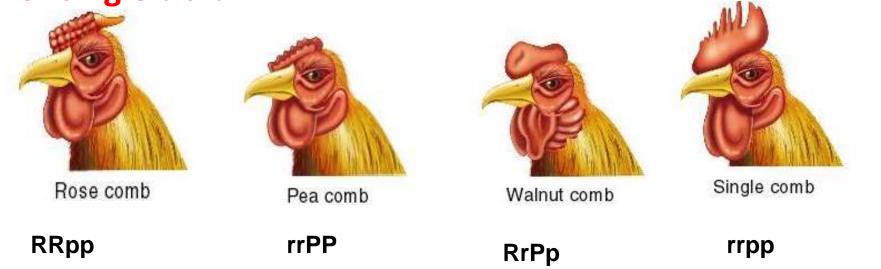
so the ratio is 9:3:3:1 just like normal dihybid ratio for two traits but it is for single trait i.e. comb shape having 4 different forms

rP 11

rp 15

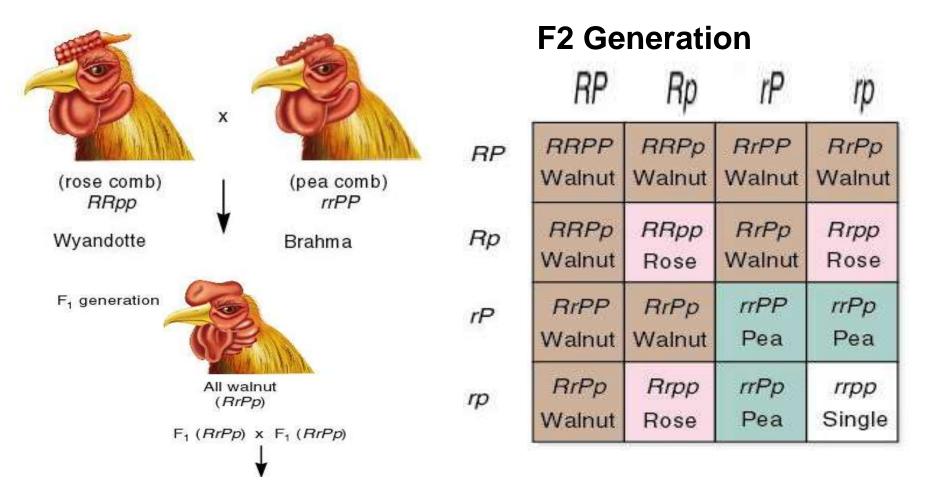
rP

A Cross Involving a Two-Gene Interaction: 9:3:3:1 ratio for single trait



Four different comb morphologies

Inheritance of comb morphology in chicken described by William Bateson and Reginald Punnett in 1906: First example of gene interaction



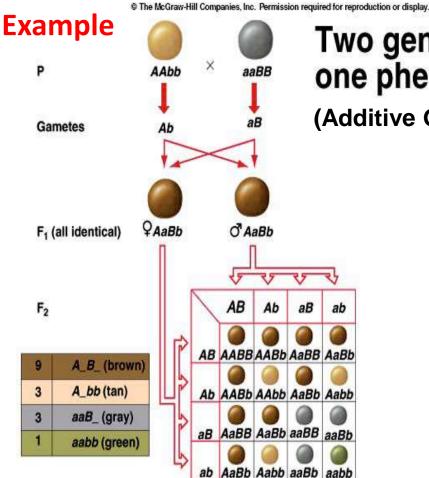
F₂ generation consisted of chickens with four types of combs

9 walnut: 3 rose: 3 pea: 1 single

Bateson and Punnett reasoned that comb morphology is determined by two different genes

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Lentil Seed colour



Two genes, one phenotype

(Additive Gene Action)

Where both A and B are present add colour so new phenotype brown is produced

F2

phenotype classes

- Dominance Relationships:
- Tan is dominant to green
- Gray is dominant to green
- Brown is dominant to gray, green and tan.
- Tan and Gray are incompletely dominant, giving rise to brown.
- Genotypic classes:

– Brown: A B

- Tan: A bb

9:3:3:1 – Gray: aaB

- Green: aabb

There are 4 phenotypes in F2, so are governed by more than one gene If it was governed by one gene and its two alleles F2 would have shown only 3 phenotypes in 1:2:1 ratio

EPISTASIS

One gene hides the effect of other gene. It is different from Mendel's Dominance which is meant for intragenic alleles (alleles of a gene) but here dominance works at intergenic level (alleles of different genes). One gene masks the expression of another non-allelic gene.

A gene which masks (hides) the action of another gene (non allelic) is termed as epistatic gene. The gene whose effects are masked is called hypostatic gene

For example if two gene A and C with their alleles a and c take part in a cross then epistasis can be of following types

- 1) Recessive Epistasis -Recessive allele (c) of one gene may hide the effect of dominant allele (A) of other gene
- 2) Dominant Epistasis Dominant allele (A) of one gene may hide the effect of dominant allele (C) of other gene.

a) Recessive epistasis:

Here the recessive allele masks the effect of dominant allele of other gene.

In mice the wild body colour is known as **agouti**(greyish) and is controlled by a gene. A which is hypostatic to recessive allele c.

The dominant allele C in the presence of 'a' gives coloured mice.

In the presence of dominant allele C, A gives rise to agouti.

So, CCaa will be **coloured** and ccAA will be **albino**.

When coloured mice (CCaa) are crossed with albino (ccAA), agout mice (CcAa) appear in F₁.

cc masks the effect of AA and is therefore epistatic. Consequently, cc AA is albino.

The ratio 9:3:3:1 is modified to 9:3:4.

The combination ccaa is also albino due to the absence of both the dominant alleles.

Recessive Epistasis

Example: Coat colour of Mouse

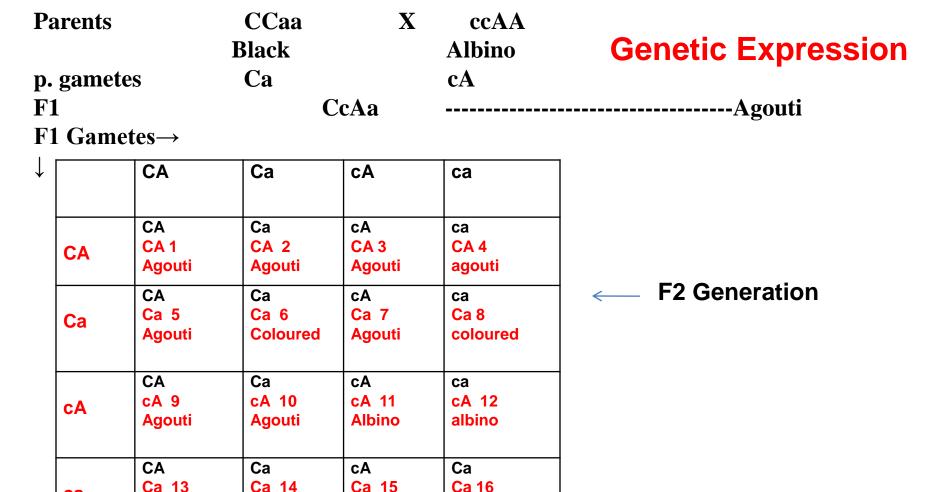
Coat colour is controlled by Gene A,
Allele A is hypostatic to recessive allele (c)
The dominant allele C in absence of A gives
coloured mice
When both C and A are present colour is
Agouti (wild type most common) due to
banded hair: Near skin Grey yellow Black
Two other colours are Albino and solid black



AACC (agouti) x aacc (albino) AaCc (all agouti) AaCc x AaCc **Phenotype** Genotype A-C-Agouti 9/16 Albino 3/16 A-cc aaC Black 3/16 Albino 1/16 aacc

The c locus is epistatic to the A locus.

9 (Agouti) :3 (Black) :4 (Albino) F₂ ratio



Albino

CA – Agouti- 1,2,3,4,5,7,9,10,13=9

Ca 13

Agouti

ca

cA-Albino-11,12,15=3 (c masks the effect of A)

Ca 14

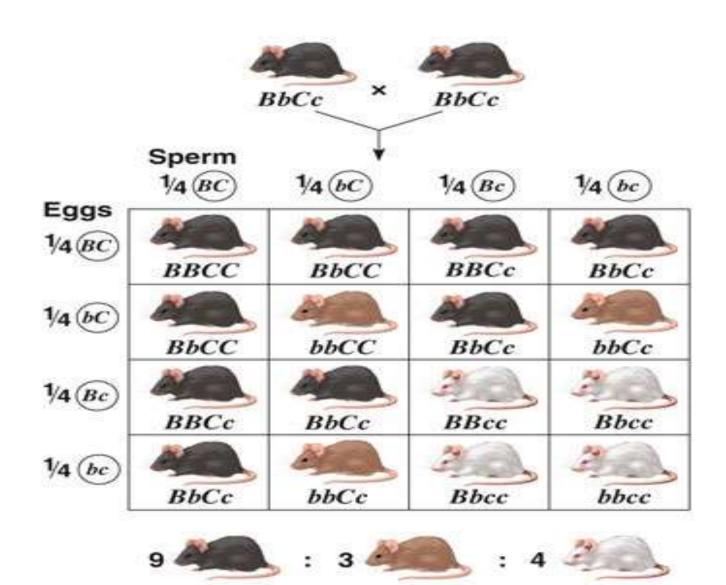
Coloured

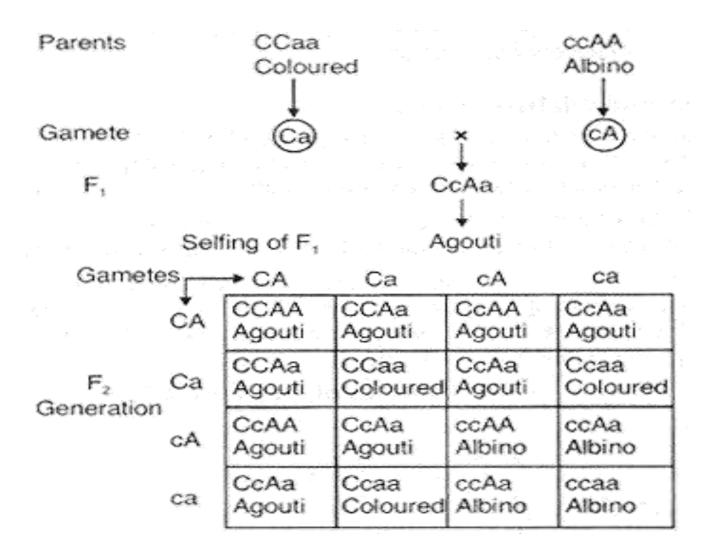
Ca- Black- 6,8,14=3 ca- albino -16=1

So the ratio is 9:3:4 (Agouti:Black:Albino)

albino

Cross between Black and Albino: Genetic Expression





F₂ Phenotypic ratio : 9 (agouti) : 3 (Coloured) : 4 (Albino)

(b) Dominant epistasis:

In summer squash or <u>Cucurbita pepo</u>, there are three types of fruit colour - yellow, green and white. White colour is dominant over other colours, while yellow is dominant over green. Gene for white colour (W) masks the effects of yellow colour gene (Y). So yellow colour is formed only when the dominant epistatic gene is represented by its recessive allele (w). When the hypostatic gene is also recessive (y), the colour of the fruit is green.

White Fruit - WY, Wy Yellow Fruit - wY

Green Fruit – wwyy

A cross between a pure breeding white summer squash, (WWYY) with a pure breeding green summer squash, (wwyy) yields white fruits in the F_1 generation. Upon selfing of F_1 the F_2 generation comes to have

12 white fruit: 3 yellow fruit: 1 green fruit.

Parents WWYY X wwyy
White Green
P gametes WY wy

Genetic Expression

F1 Generation Hybrid WwYy

ion Hybrid WwYy ------White

F1 Gametes

Female	WY	Wy	wY	wy
Male				
WY	WY	Wy	wY	wy
	WY 1	WY2	WY 3	WY 4
	white	white	white	white
Wy	WY	Wy	wY	wy
	Wy 5	Wy 6	Wy 7	Wy 8
	white	white	white	white
wY	WY	Wy	wY	wy
	wY9	wY 10	wY 11	wY 12
	white	white	Yellow	Yellow
wy	WY	Wy	wY	wy
	Wy 13	Wy 14	wy 15	wy 16
	white	white	Yellow	green

F2 generation

WY-White- 1,2,3,4,5,7,9,10,13=9

Wy-White- 6,8,14=3

wY-yellow- 11,12,15=3

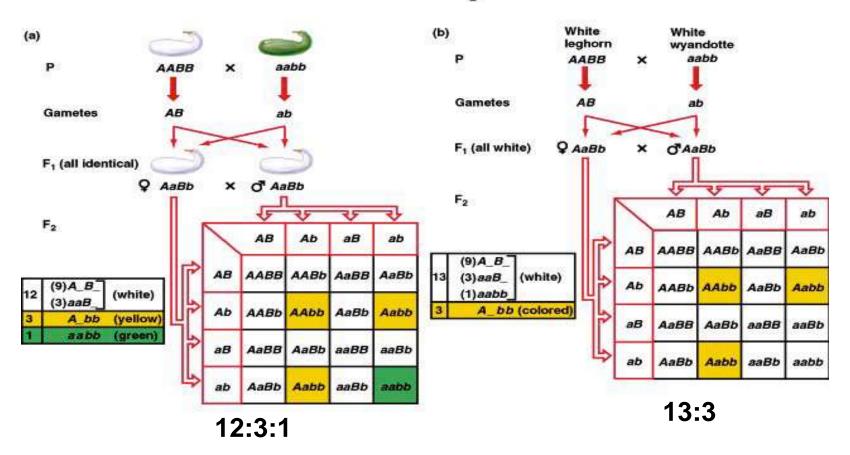
wy-Green-16=1

12 white: 3Yellow:1 green

FRUIT COLOUR SQUASH: 12:3:1

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Dominant epistasis



F1- AaBb X AaBb

9 A B –white 3Aa-bb –Yellow 3 aa-B- White 1 aabb –Green A causes Yellow but in presence of B can not express ,produce white

COMPLEMENTARY GENES

Two genes are responsible for a particular phenotype. Production of one phenotype requires dominant alleles of both the genes controlling the character.

The complementary genes are two genes present on separate gene loci that interact together to produce dominant phenotypic character, neither of them if present alone, can expresses itself. It means that these genes are complementary to each other

Example is flower colour of <u>Lathyrus odoratus</u>(Keshari/pea grass) .The colour of flower is either purple or white. Purple colour is produced only when dominant A is complemented by Dominant Allele B

Bateson and Punnet have demonstrated that in sweet pea (*Lathyrus odoratus*) purple colour of flowers develop as a result of interaction of two dominant genes C and P. In the absence of dominant gene C or P or both, the flowers are white. It is believed that gene C produces an enzyme that catalyzes the formation of necessary raw material for the synthesis of pigment anthocyanin and gene P produces an enzyme which transforms the raw material into the pigment. It means the pigment anthocyanin is the product of two biochemical reactions, the end product of one reaction forms the substrate for the other.



Therefore, if a plant has ccPP, ccPp, CCpp or Ccpp genotypes, it bears only white flowers. Purple flowers are formed in plants having genotype CCPP or CCPp or CcPp or CcPp. From checker board, it is clear that **9 : 7 ratio** between purple and white is a modification of 9 : 3 : 3 : 1 ratio.

Genetic Expression

Parents: AAbb

White

P.gametes Ab

F1 AaBb -----

F1 Gametes Female→

Male

	АВ	Ab	аВ	ab
AB	AB	AB	AB	AB
	AB 1	Ab 2	aB 3	ab 4
Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab
	AB 5	Ab 6	aB 7	Ab 8
аВ	aB	aB	aB	aB
	AB 9	Ab 10	aB 11	ab 12
ab	ab	ab	ab	ab
	AB 13	Ab 14	aB 15	ab 16

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COMPLEMENTAY GENES KESHARI

Purple

aaBB

White

aB

AB- Purple-1,2,3,4.5.7.9,10,13= 9 Where both (A) and (B) are present flowers are coloured (when A is complemented by B then only flower is coloured)

Where either (A) or (B) is present colour is white

Ab- White- 6.8.14 = 3

aB-White - 11,12,15 = 3

ab - White - 16 = 1

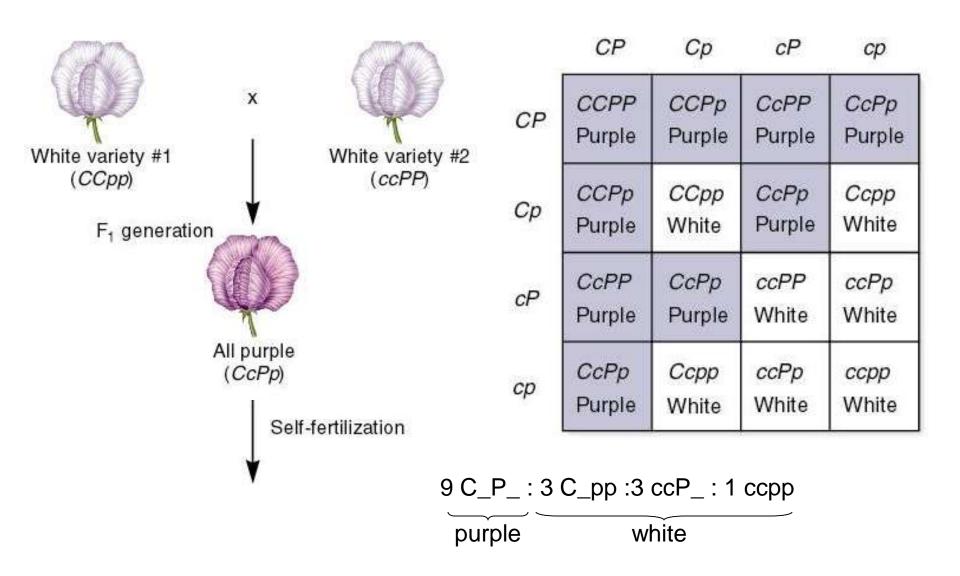
Total white- 3+3+1=7

F2 Generation

So the ratio becomes 9:7

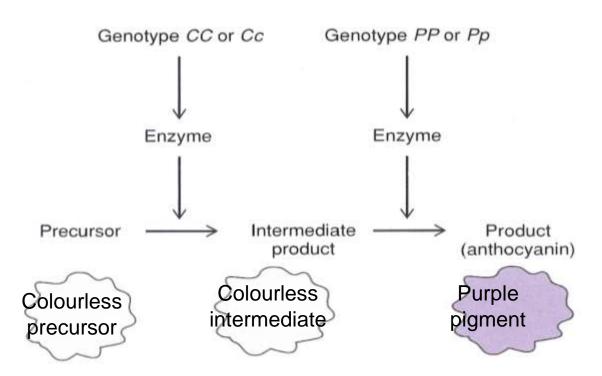
(Purple: White)

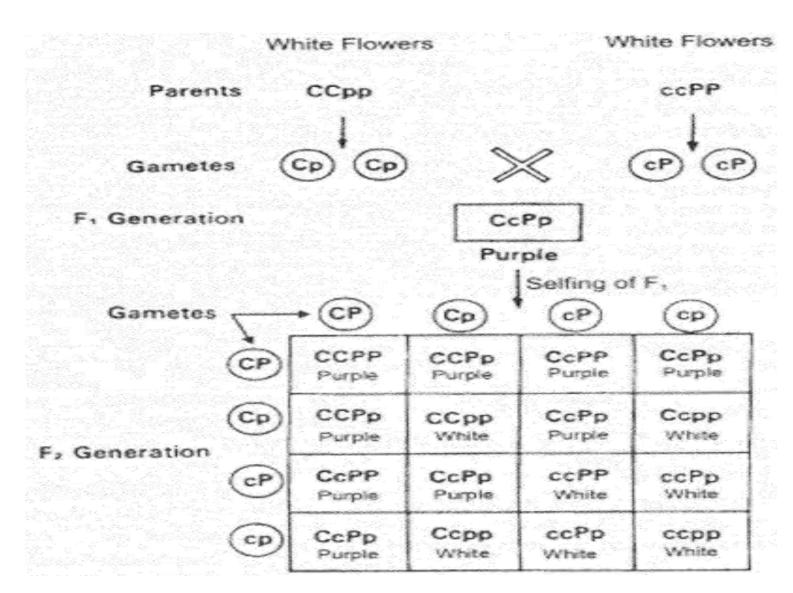
A Cross Producing a 9:7 ratio



Complementary gene action - interactions arise because the two genes encode proteins that participate in sequence in a biochemical pathway

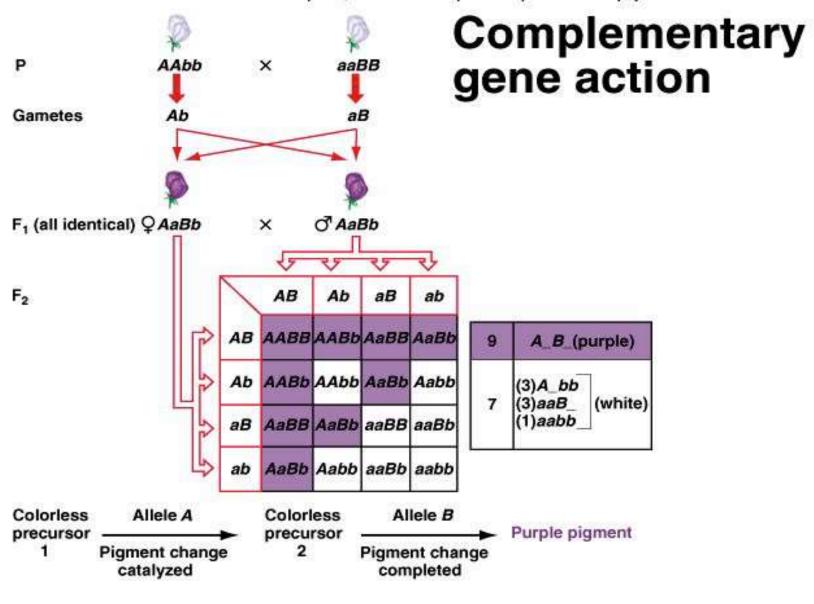
Enzyme C and enzyme P cooperate to make a product, therefore they complement one another





F₂ phenotypic ratio - 9 (Purple) : 7 (White)

Results of an experiment showing inheritance of flower colour in Lathyrus odoratus controlled by complementary genes



Duplicate genes

If the dominant alleles of two gene loci produce the same phenotype, whether inherit together or separately, the 9:3:3:1 ratio is modified into a 15:1 ratio.

The capsules of shepherd's purse (Capsella) occur in two different shapes, i.e., triangular and top-shaped. When a plant with triangular capsule is crossed with one having top-shaped capsule, in F_1 only triangular character appears. The F_1 offspring by self crossing produced the F_2 generation with the triangular and top-shaped capsules in the ratio of 15 : 1.

Two independently segregating dominant genes (A and B) have been found to influence the shape of capsule in the same way. All genotypes having dominant alleles of both or either of these genes (A and B) would produce plants with triangular-shaped capsules.

Only those with the genotype aabb would produce plants with top - shaped capsules.

DUPLICATE GENES

Same effect is given by either of two genes (A) or (B)

Example is Capsella bursa -pastoris (Shepherd's Purse) Fruit shape of two types

- a) Triangular (Heart shape) capsule
- b) Top shaped (Narrow) capsule

Genetic Expression

Parents AABB X aabb

Triangular Top shaped

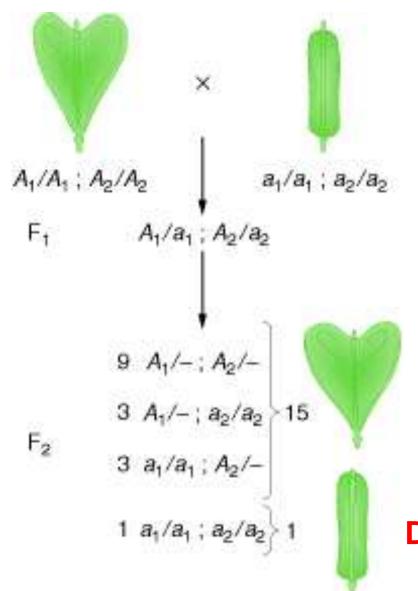
P gametes AB ab

F1 (Hybrid) AaBb ----- triangular

F1 gametes	AB	Ab	aB	ab
	AB	AB	AB	AB
AB	AB 1	Ab 2	aB 3	ab 4
	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab
Ab	AB 5	Ab 6	aB 7	Ab 8
	aB	aB	aB	aB
aB	AB 9	Ab 10	aB 11	ab 12
	ab	ab	ab	ab
ab	AB 13	Ab 14	aB 15	ab 16

AB- 1,2,3,4,5, 7,9,10,13=9 (Triangular)
Ab-6,8,14=3(Triangular)
aB-11,12,15 = 3 (Tringular)
ab-16 = 1 (top shaped) So the ratio is 15:1
This is example of gene interaction, two genes involved in same pathway. It is based on the idea that some genes may be present more than once in the genome

F2 generation15 (Triangular): 1 (Top)



A_ or B_ = heart shape



aa and bb = narrow shape



Fruit shape in Shepherd's purse

Duplicate Dominant Epistasis

In a cross between two lines differing in fruit shape (Heart shape vs narrow) F1 generation shows all heart shaped like intragenic dominance but F2 generation shows a ratio of 15:1 and not 3:1 as that of monohybrid cross. It means that trait fruit shape is controlled by two genes (A and B) and their Alleles a and b. 15:1 ratio is therefore modification of dihybrid ratio 9:3:3:1 in which 9,3 and 3 are grouped. The triangular shape results by the presence of at least one dominant allele of either gene. The two gene appear to be identical in function and is in contrast with complemenatary genes or 9:7 ratio where both dominant alleles are required for a phenotype and they complement each other.

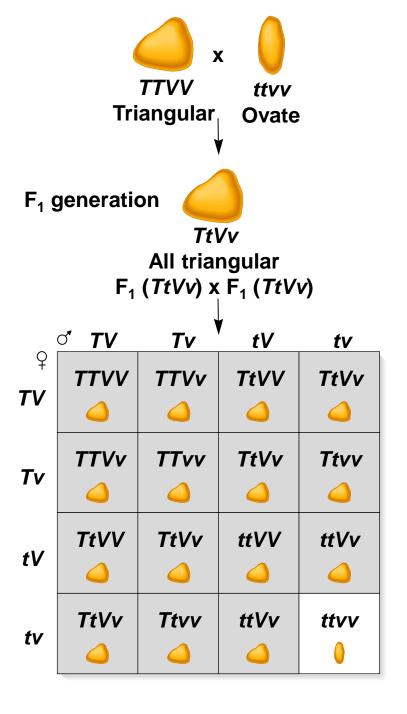
Duplicate genes provide alternative genetic determination of a specific phenotype

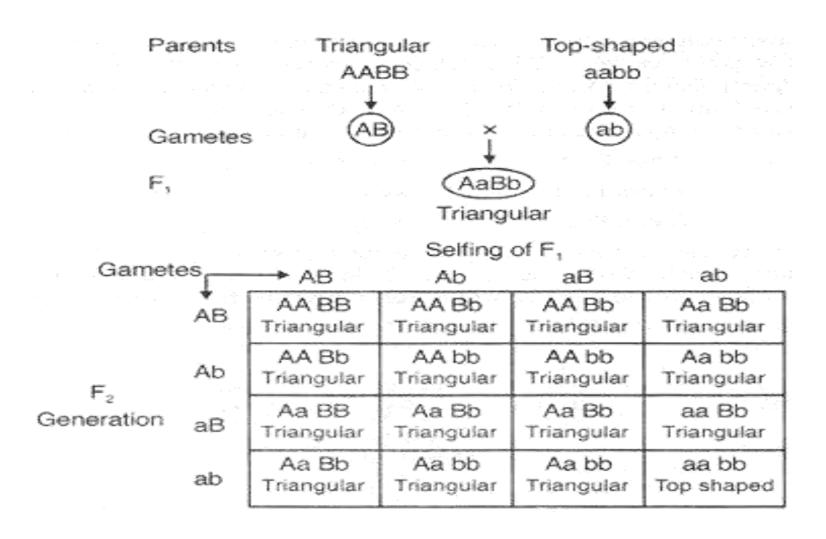
Duplicate Gene Action Epistasis

15:1 ratio results

Shepherd's Purse (Capsella)

Fruit Shape Triangular / Top (Ovate) shape





F₂ phenotypic ratio: 15 (triangular): 1 (Top shaped)

2nd Example: Petal colour in snapdragon

Redundancy: Duplicate Genes

P AABB aabb
AB ABB ABB

F1 AaBb X AaBb

F2 15/16 Red: 1/16 white

Whenever a dominant gene is present, the trait is expressed.

One allele is sufficient to produce the pigment.

Polymeric gene action 9:6:1

Two completely dominant genes controlling a character produce same phenotype, when their dominant alleles are alone, But when dominant alleles are together, the phenotypic effect is enhanced and become cumulative or additive effect

Example -1 Awn length on Barley fruit

AABB x aabb

A /B- Median Awn A & B – long Awn ab- Awnless

Example- 2 Fruit shape Squash (Disc/Circular/Long) 9:6:1

AaBb X AaBb

9 A B – Disc 3 A-bb – Circular

3 aa-B- Circular 1 aabb – Long

Example awn length on Barley fruit AB- Median Awn

A & B – long Awn ab- Awnless

Genetic Expression

Parents AABB(Long awn) X aabb(Awnless)

P gametes AB ab

F1 AaBb Long awn

	F1 gametes				
		AB	Ab	aB	ab
		AB	AB	AB	AB
	AB	AB 1	Ab 2	aB 3	ab 4
Ī		Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab
	Ab	AB 5	Ab 6	aB 7	Ab 8
		aB	aB	aB	aB
	aB	AB 9	Ab 10	aB 11	ab 12
		ab	ab	ab	ab
	ab	AB 13	Ab 14	aB 15	ab 16

AB – Long Awn -1,2,3,4,5,7,9,10,13=9 Ab- Medium Awn -6,8,14=3 aB- medium Awn-11,12,15=3 ab-Awnless-16=1

F2 Generation: Phenotypic ratio

9(Long): 6(Medium):1(awnless)

INHIBITORY GENE ACTION

Inhibitory gene action Example Maize Aleurone colour 13:3

One dominant gene produces concerned phenotype and its recessive allele produces contrasting phenotype. The second gene (dominant) has no effect on concerned phenotype but stops expression of dominant allele of first gene, so when both dominant alleles are present ,phenotype as that of recessive homozygote is produced

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. Genetic Expression
Parents RRII( White aleurone ) X rrii (White aleurone )
P gametes RI ri
F1 hybrid -------RrIi -------White
F1 gametes
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Genetic Expression
Parents RRII(White aleurone) X rrii (White aleurone)
P gametes RI ri
F1 hybrid ------RrIi ------White
F1 gametes

	RI	Ri	rl	ri
RI	RI RI	Ri RI	rl Rl	ri RI
Ri	RI Ri	Ri Ri Red	rl Ri	ri Ri Red
rl	RI rI	Ri rl	rl rl	rirl
ri	RI ri	Ri ri Red	rl ri	ri ri

RI-White-1,2,3,4,5,7.9.10,13=9
Ri- Red- 6,8,14=3
rI- white -11,12,15=3
ri-white-16=1
So phenotypic Ratio
becomes
13 (White): 3 (Red)

Inhibitory gene action Example Maize Aleurone colour 13:3

Second Example 13:3

Inhibitory gene (one gene inhibits expression of the other) 13:3

Example –Feather colour in Fowl (White/Coloured)

Epistasis

AaBb X AaBb

9 A B -white

3 A-bb -white

3 aa-B- coloured

1 aabb –white

B is responsible for colour but in presence of A cannot express

Masking gene action (12:3:1)

Dominant alleles of two genes affecting a character produce distinct phenotypes when they are alone, but when dominant alleles of both genes are present together, expression of dominant allele of one gene masks the expression of other and when both genes are present in recessive state, a different phenotype is produced

Example Barley seed colour –Black/Yellow/White

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Parents BByy (Black) X bbYY (Yellow )
P gametes By bY
F1 (Hybrid ) BbYy Black
F1 gametes
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	BY	Ву	bY	by
BY	BY BY	By BY	bY BY	by BY
Ву	By BY	Ву Ву	bY By	by By
bY	bY BY	bY By	bY bY	by bY
by	by BY	by By	by bY	by by

BY – Black - 1,2,3,4,5,7,9,10,13=9 By –Black- 6,8,14=3 bY- Yellow-11,12,15=3

by-white-16=1

F2 Generation ---- 12 (Black) : 3 (Yellow) : 1 (White)

When both B and Y are present both express but Black colour is so intensive that yellow colour produced by Y is not detected B gives Black colour,Y gives Yellow colour and b and y donot produce colour

